



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 501

February Session, 2000

***An Act Concerning The Membership And Mission Of The
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established a Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
4 consisting of [sixteen members, including] the following members:

5 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
6 who shall be a representative of hardship cases, as defined in section
7 16-262c;

8 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
9 has a background in consumer advocacy relating to energy
10 consumption but who is not a public official or employee of a state
11 agency or of a utility company;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives who shall be a member of the joint standing
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to energy;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
17 a member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
18 having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives who has a background in public utility regulation but
21 who is not a public official or employee of a state agency or of a utility
22 company;

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
24 a representative of an environmental group;

25 (7) Two appointed by the Governor one of whom shall be a
26 representative of the energy industry and one of whom shall be a
27 representative of organized labor;

28 (8) [the] The Commissioner of Economic and Community
29 Development, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (9) [the] The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
31 commissioner's designee;

32 (10) [the] The chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council, or the
33 chairperson's designee;

34 (11) [the] The chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority,
35 or the chairperson's designee;

36 (12) [the] The Commissioner of Public Works, [and] or the
37 commissioner's designee;

38 (13) [the] The Commissioner of Transportation, or [their respective
39 designees. The Governor shall appoint four members, the president
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members, and the
41 speaker of the House shall appoint three members, all of whom shall
42 serve in accordance with section 4-1a. At least one of the members
43 appointed to said board by the Governor shall be a representative of
44 organized labor] the commissioner's designee;

45 (14) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
46 secretary's designee;

47 (15) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
48 designee;

49 (16) The Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee;

50 (17) A member of the Consumer Education Advisory Council
51 established pursuant to section 16-244d, chosen by said council;

52 (18) A member of the Connecticut Development Authority, chosen
53 by said authority;

54 (19) A member of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, chosen by
55 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated;

56 (20) A member of the Energy Conservation Management Board,
57 chosen by said board;

58 (21) The executive director of the Connecticut Housing Investment
59 Fund or the director's designee; and

60 (22) The State Building Inspector, or the inspector's designee.

61 (b) The board shall [, (1) under section 16a-7, (A) recommend to the
62 Governor and General Assembly programs for enhancing the state's
63 energy management and carrying out the purposes of section 16a-35k
64 and (B) recommend long-range energy supply and demand options
65 with particular emphasis on conservation and energy resource
66 development within the state, (2) act as a mediator and coordinator for
67 programs which will identify] (1) coordinate energy related programs
68 throughout the state and recommend to the Governor, the joint
69 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
70 matters relating to energy and to state agencies, as appropriate,
71 policies, programs and strategies to improve energy related efforts, (2)
72 provide a forum for state agencies to raise and discuss in a
73 comprehensive manner issues that address, among other things,
74 energy use, energy demand, energy technology, energy supply, energy
75 price and the environmental impacts of energy and synchronize their
76 various efforts to form a cohesive energy strategy for the future, (3)

77 identify opportunities for and concerns of the state in managing its
 78 future energy requirements, especially with regard to conservation
 79 and the use of renewable energy resources, [(3) respond to requests of
 80 the General Assembly to review or examine issues requiring
 81 consideration and policy formulation and (4)] and (4) examine the
 82 energy component of the state's economy as it affects citizens,
 83 government, commerce and industry.

84 (c) All appointments to the board shall be made no later than thirty
 85 days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by
 86 the appointing authority. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice-
 87 chairman from among its members and shall adopt such rules of
 88 procedure as are necessary to carry out its functions. Each member of
 89 the board who holds no salaried state office shall be compensated for
 90 the performance of [his] the member's official duties at the rate of fifty
 91 dollars per day. The board shall meet on a monthly basis or more
 92 frequently as it deems appropriate.

93 (d) The board may (1) impose reasonable reporting requirements on
 94 other state agencies and private entities in the business of supplying
 95 energy and energy services to consumers to provide information to the
 96 board as the board deems necessary for it to carry out its planning and
 97 decision-making responsibilities; and (2) host forums bringing together
 98 agencies and other appropriate parties to discuss energy issues.

99 [(d)] (e) The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board shall be within the
 100 Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes only.

101 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

ET Committee Vote: Yea 16 Nay 0 JFS C/R GAE

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 21 Nay 0 JF